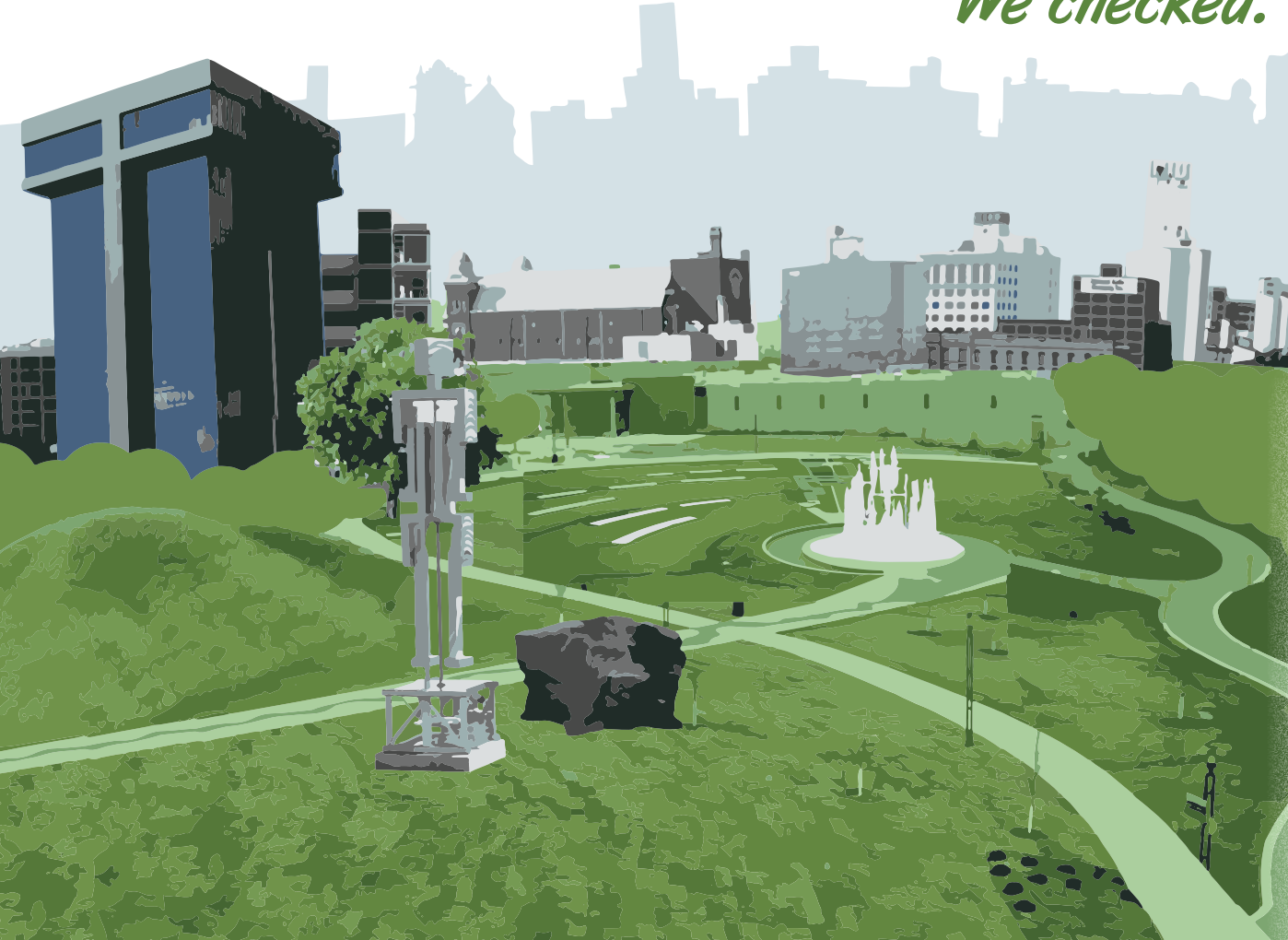


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CITY OF
Springfield

No other city...

Our public safety departments: **Police, Fire and Emergency Management**, have all reached quality standards high enough to receive national accreditation. Many cities have strived to achieve this. Most have failed.

We didn't stop there. Our **Public Works and Environmental Services** departments, and the **Dickerson Park Zoo** have also received national accreditation by their respective associations. We believe this means our services are provided at the highest level of quality, meeting national standards and benchmarks in a way that surpasses the ordinary.

Our **Parks and trails system** has been named a National Gold Medal Award Winner, proving our commitment to provide top-notch leisure opportunities, to offer programs for relaxation as well as stimulation, and to encourage personal and community enrichment.

But we are more than just a safe and fun community. We are also nationally recognized for our economic resiliency. The **Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce** has been chosen as the national Chamber of the Year and its collective efforts with the City, County and business members have helped us become a national leader in job growth with an unemployment rate far below the national average.

Because we work together, and work together well, we are able to boast of this wide array of accomplishments. And we believe that makes us like no other city in the nation.

Together Springfield.

...can boast of this wide array of accomplishments:

Springfield Police Department



**Springfield
POLICE**

The men and women of the Springfield Police Department are not only known for quick-solving crime skills and catching the bad guys, they are also accredited by the Commissioners for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This accreditation means the SPD has achieved a level of recognition only the elite in law enforcement achieve. It's an honor they've garnered 15 years running.

>> Fewer than 5% of law enforcement agencies in the country have successfully applied and received this accreditation.

Springfield Fire Department



Springfield firefighters will tell you it's true. They actually run toward danger, while others run away. The Springfield Fire Department's accreditation by the Center for Public Safety proves that the department has enviable response times, high-caliber training, efficient resource deployment, and excellent public education.

>> Only 120 fire departments in the country have successfully received this accreditation.

Public Works and Environmental Services



The City of Springfield Public Works and Environmental Services Departments are accredited by the American Public Works Association (APWA). The association recognizes governmental agencies that go beyond the requirements of the management practices established nationally in the public works industry.

>> Fewer than 1% of all agencies qualify for this accreditation.

Top 10 Digital Cities



Springfield was named one of the Top 10 Digital Cities in 2013, for improved transparency with open government initiatives and access to city services via interactive technology.

Dickerson Park Zoo



Only zoos and aquariums that meet the highest standards are accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. To become accredited the Dickerson Park Zoo underwent a thorough review to ensure it has and will continue to meet ever-rising standards. Accreditation also allows the zoo to participate in the coordinated conservation programs among other accredited North American zoos.

Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management



Springfield-Greene County's emergency management program received national accreditation from the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) in April, 2012. EMAP is an independent and voluntary evaluation of state and local emergency management programs based on national best practices.

>> At the time of our accreditation, Springfield-Greene County was one of only 13 local programs in the nation to be accredited by EMAP.

Springfield-Greene County Park Board

A nationally-known organization, the Springfield-Greene County Park Board's efforts were recognized by the National Recreation and Park Association in 2000 when named a Gold Medal Award winner. The most prestigious award of its kind, the Gold Medal Award honors communities throughout the U.S. that demonstrate excellence in long-range planning, fiscal resource management, citizen support systems, environmental stewardship, preservation, technological integration, program planning and assessment, professional development, and agency recognition.



Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce



The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce won the 2012 Chamber of the Year award, the nation's only award recognizing the dual role chambers have in leading businesses and communities. The award was presented by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives to top chambers that have not only demonstrated success in community leadership and organizational strength, but have also made an apparent impact on key community priorities such as education, transportation, healthcare, and cultural vitality.